

REMARKS

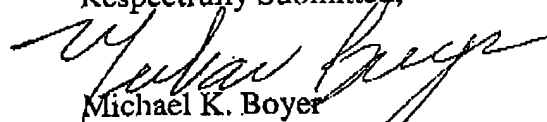
Claims 1-25 are pending in the instant application and stand subject to a Restriction Requirement. The Restriction is between Group I - Claims 1-10 and 17-22, Class 521, subclass 134, and Group II - Claims 11-14 and 23-25, Class 428, subclass 309.1. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Restriction and examination on the merits of the pending claims.

In order to comply with the Restriction, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Group II - Claims 11-14 and 23-25. However, Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction is improper and request examination of all pending claims. The past practice of the US Patent Office demonstrates that no burden exists in examining all pending claims. In particular, no additional or continuing burden exists since the patent office has already issued TWO Office Actions on instant Groups I and II (presumably the Office has already search Classes 521 and 428 in order to issue the previous two Office Actions). To now require a Restriction between Groups I and II merely delays prosecution.

Please associate Customer Number 22505 with the instant application.

Applicants believe that the pending claims define patentable subject matter and respectfully request issuance of a Notice of Allowability for the instant application. Should there any other fee due in connection with the instant application, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 15-0680 (Orscheln Management Co.). Should the Examiner deem that any further action on the part of Applicants would advance prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney.

Respectfully Submitted,



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